

A
BRIEF DISCOURSE
TOUCHING THE
OFFICE
OF
Lord Chancellor
OF
ENGLAND.

WRITTEN BY

The Learned *John Selden* of the *Inner-Temple*,
Esq; and Dedicated by him to Sir *Francis Bacon* Knight, then *Lord Keeper* of the *Great Seal* of ENGLAND.

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lors*. and *Keepers* of the *Great Seal* of England, from
the *Norman Conquest*, until this present Year, 1677.

By Sir WILLIAM DUGDALE, K.
now Garter principal King of Arms.

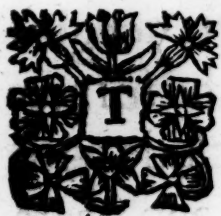
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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
Sir FRANCIS BACON Kt.
*Lord Keeper of the Great
Seal of England.*

MY LORD,



THE Times obvi-
ous discourse,
whereby that
All which tru-
ly loves Nobles or Learn-
ing congratulates ycur high-
ly

THE EPISTLE

ly deserved Honor, caused me collect these, taken out of no obvious Monuments, touching the ancientest mention, conjunction, and division of those two Great Offices of State which your Lordship really bear, though stiled but by the name of one: they are short, yet give large testimony of the former times. They conclude with an Act made about 320. years since, of like tenor in substance with that latter under Queen *Eliz.* which was as proper

DEDICATORY.

proper to your name ,
whence these also were the
fitter to offer you : Enough,
other particulars touching
both these great Offices
might have been added, but
these were chosen for the usu-
al Question of the present,
and thus are given (not yet
seen by any other eye) as a
taste of my humble Obser-
vance. My Lord, they are
onely yours, as the Author
would be.

J. Selden.

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EPICATORY

proper to your state,
whence it is also with the
intention of you: But
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land, &c.

The Name and Office of Lord Chan-
cellor of England under
the Saxons.

THe eldest mention in good
authority of the name of
Chancellor of this King-
dom, is in *Edward* the elders
B time,

2 *A Brief Discourse touching the Office*

Temp. Edm.
senioris & se-
quentium Re-
gum. Ingulphus.

time, about the year
DCCCC XX. he made
Turketill Abbot of
Croyland his Chancellor. *Cancel-
larium suum eum constituit, ut qua-
cumq; negotia temporalia vel spiritu-
alia, Regis Judicium expectabant il-
lius consilio & decreto (nam tanta
fidei & tam profundi ingenij teneba-
tur) omnia tractarentur, & tracta-
ta irrefragabilem sententiam sorti-
rentur.* This Abbot held the Of-
fice under Athelstan, Edmund, and
Edred succeeding Kings.

King Ethelred afterwards di-
vided the Chancellorship
Temp. Ethelredi. between the Abbots of
Ely, and St. Augustine in Canter-
bury, and of Glaistenbury, who
were

were to exercise it by turn. The words of an old Monk of Ely are, *Statuit atque concessit quatenus Ecclesia de Ely extunc & semper in Regis Curia Cancellarii ageret dignitatem quod & aliis, Sancti, viz. Augustini & Glasconia Ecclesiis constituit, ut Abbates istorum Cœnobi-
orum vicissim assignatis succedendo temporibus annum trifarie divide-
rint, cum Sanctuarii & ceteris ornatibus Altaris ministrando : So as the Abbot of Ely, or some Monk by him appointed, exercised the Office from Candlemas four months yearly, and the other two of Glaistenbury, and St. Augustines made up the twelve.*

But there occurs not any sub-

scription in Charters by that name, till the *Confessor*, in his Patent to the Church of *Westminster*; after the King, Bishops, Abbots, and others, comes *Ego Rembaldus Cancellarius subscripsi*.

Yet in the ancientest Monument of a Grant by any King extant here, I doubt not but the Chancellor subscribed, though under another name.

Temp. E-
thelberti.

The first Christian King of the Saxons founded and endowed *Canterbury Church*, and in his Charter amongst the Earls, occurs *Ego Augemandus Referendarius subscripsi*; where *Referendarius* may well stand for *Cancellarius*, the Office of both (as the words

words applyed to the Court are used in the Code Novels, and Story of the declining Empire) signifying an Officer, that received Petitions and supplications to the King, and made out his Writs and Mandates, as a *Custos Legis*: And though there were divers *Referendarii*, as 14, then 8, then more again, and so divers Chancellors in the Empire; Yet one especially here, exercising an Office of the nature of these many, might well be stiled by either of the names. These are testimonies of that time without exception, though *Polydore* begin the Name and Office at the *Norman Conquest*.

II.

*Whether the Keeping of a Seal, were
in the Chancellorship under
the Saxons*

FOr that principal part of the Office, or that other Office joyned with the Chancellorship, the Keeping of the Seal; if the common Opinion were clear, that under the *Saxon* State no Seals were here used, then were it vain to think of it, as of that time. But there is yet remaining an old *Saxon* Charter of King *Edgar*, beginning, *A Orthodoxorum vigoris Ecclesiastici monitu creberrime instruimur, &c.*

to the Abbey of *Perfore*, wherein
divers Lands are given, and there
remains in the Parchment plain
signs of three Labels by the pla-
ces cut for their being hanged on:
and of the self same Charter a te-
stimony also as ancient, that the
Seals were, one of King *Edgar*,
the second of *St. Dunstan*, and the
third of *Alfer Ducis Merciorum*.
That testimony is in a Letter from
Godfry Archdeacon of *Worcester*
to Pope *Alexander III.*, writing of
that Charter, and the authority
of it: *Noverit, laith he, Sanctitas*
vestra, verum esse, quod conscripti
bujus scriptum originale in virtute
Sancte Trinitatis sigilla tria trium
personarum autenticarum, ad verita-

tem

tem, triplici confirmatione commendat; Est autem Sigillum primum illustris Regis Edgari; secundum Sancti Dunstani Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi; tertium Alferi Ducis Merciorum; sicut ex diligenti literarum impressarum inspectione evidenter accepi. And it is reported by those which have searched the Records of Saint Denys Church in France, there remains two Charters, the one of one Offa; the other of one Edgar, with Seals annex; the one of which I have seen cast off in Lead, and is about the breadth of a Shilling thick, and having a face on the one side. Likewise amongst the *Charta Antiqua*, divers

vers being reckoned *cum Sigillo*, others *sine Sigillo*; one is *cum Sigillo* of King *Cnout*, neither is there any colour of doubt but that the *Confessor* had his Seal, for the print yet remains in part to be seen. But notwithstanding these singular examples of Kings Sealing in the *Saxons* times, it's most certain it was not a thing common then; neither could any in the Chancery be denominated from Keeping the Seal, nor in any other Office. Curiosity in some particular occasion swayed more in it, than any Custom; although we admit those beforementioned for true, which may well be doubted, in regard of the frequent fraud

fraud and ignorance in committing it, which in the Elder times possess'd the Church-men. But

In the Register of *Croyland* it appears that the *Normans* brought in the use of Seals to Charters.

for the *Confessor's* Seal, that was without scruple certain, and thence may we confidently derive the Great Seal of *England*.

Testi-

III.

*Testimonies of the Chancellorship and
Keepership joyned, in times near
after the Norman Invasion.*

AS in the Monuments of the
Confessor *Rembald* is named
Chancellour ; so under the first
William, Maurice Bishop of *London*,
and in the succeeding times others.
Old Stories of the Monks suffici-
ently mention them. But little
appears of the Office till the time
of *H. 2.* under whom, one wri-
ting the Life of *Thomas Beckett* that
was Lord Chancellor, hath this
most ancient testimony of it, and
of

of keeping the Seal also ; *Cancellarii dignitas est, ut secundus à Rege in regno habeatur ; ut altera parte Sigilli regii, quod & ad ejus pertinet custodiam, propria signet mandata, ut Capella Regia in illius sit dispositione & cura, ut vacantes Archiepiscopatus, Episcopatus, Abbatias & Baronias cadentes in manum Regis ipse suscipiat & conservet ; ut omnibus Regis assit consiliis ; etiam non vocatus, accedat ; ut omnia Sigilliferi Clerici regii sua manu signentur : Item ut suffragantibus, ex Dei gratia vitæ meritis, non moriatur, nisi Archiepiscopus vel Episcopus si voluerit : Inde est quod Cancellaria non emenda est.* And another of the same time, *Cancellarius sicut*
in

*in Curiâ, sic & ad Scaccarium mag-
nus est ; adeò ut sine ipsius consensu
vel consilio nihil magnum fiat vel
fieri debeat : verum hoc habet offici-
um dum residet ad Scaccarium : Ad
ipsum pertinet custodia Sigilli Regii,
quod est in Thesauro : sed inde non
recedit nisi cum Præcepto Justiciarii,
(that is Chief Justice of England
that was a Viceroy) ab inferiore ad
superius Scaccarium, à Thesaurario
vel Camerario defertur ad explen-
da solum negotia Scaccarii ; quibus
peractis in loculum mittitur, & locu-
lus à Cancellario consignatur, & sic
Thesauraro traditur custodiendus.
Item cum necesse fuerit, signatus sub
omnium oculis Cancellario offer-
tur, nunquam ab ipso vel ab alio alias
offeren-*

offerendus. Item ad ipsum pertinet rotuli, qui est de Cancellaria, custodia per suppositam personam. Another about the time of Edw. 1. Officium Cancellaria viro provido & discreto ut Episcopo vel Clerico magnæ dignitatis debet committi, simul cum curâ majoris Sigilli regni, cujus substituti sunt Cancellarii omnes in Anglia, Hibernia, Wallia, & Scotia. Omnesque sigilli regii custodes præter Custodem Sigilli privati.

IV.

*Of the Division and Conjunction of
Lord Chancellor and Lord Keeper,
till an Act made that they should be
One.*

BUt, for that of *Can-*
cellaria emenda non
est, an example not long
after was, not onely in
truth to the contrary,
but entred also in pub-
lick Records; For *Walter de Gray*
of the Family of the *Greys* of *Ro-*
therfield in *Oxfordshire*,
in 7th. of King *John*,
Dat. Domino Regni quin-

Cart. 14. Joh.
dorso Walt.
de Gray Can-
cellar. & alii
missi ad O-
thonem Imp.
nepotem Re-
gis Johannis.

In dorso fin.
7. Joh.

que

Par. 14.
Joh. m. 5.
 Catta Re-
 gis *W.* de
 Carrio de
 domo sua
 de Carrio,
 &c. Teste
Will. de
Briwer
 apud
Westm. 21.
Maii. Car-
 ra Regis
Joh. facta
Mauricio
 de Gant
 de Mane-
 rio de Ba-
 rewe, Te-
 ste or Dat.
 per ma-
 num Ra-
 dulphi de
 Nevill a-
 pud Bur-
 revill 28.
Julii an.
 16. Pat. p.
 2. m. 8. Et

que millia Marcarum pro
habendâ Cancellariâ Domi-
ni Regis totâ vitâ suâ; &
pro habendâ inde Charta
Domini Regis. So are the
 words of the Roll, and
 the dayes of payment are
 set down also; and in the
 Rolls of the same year
 occurs, *Hic recepit W.*
Gray Cancellaria. Yet had
 he not alwayes the Cu-
 stody of the Seal, for in
 the Charter Roll of that
 Year after the taking his
 Chancellorship there is
 but one Patent or Char-
 ter dated by him, as the
 fashion then was, with

Dat.

Dat. per manum W. de G. Cancellarii nostri, or the like.

ibid. m. 4. Ric. de Mariscis Cancellarius.

Those that both follow and precede, are *Dat. per manum Hugonis de Welles Archidiaconi Welensis*, who, it seems, kept the Seal : and therefore he is expressly called the Kings Chancellor in some Monks that writ of that time, as others are for the same cause: neither was it ever heard of them to have the Chancellorship granted, yet the Seal still to remain in another hand. For also while this *W. de*

Pat. 17. Job. m. 2. R. de Mariscis Cancellar. 28. Apr. Et ib. in dorf. idem Cancellarius missus Roman. Cart. 18. Job Rex dedit Baldwino de Guisne Manerium de Benesfeld, &c. Dat. per manum Magistri Ric. de Mariscis Cancellar.

C

Gray

Iarii no-
 stri apud
 Nareas
 30 Maii
 Pat. 15.
 Joh. p. 1.
 in. 8. Et
 in. m. 5.
 Walt. de
 Gray Can-
 cellar. Ib.
 m. 5. I-
 dem fa-
 ctus fuit
 Episc.
 Wigor.
 Pat. 18.
 Joh. m. 5.
 Ric. de
 Marisco
 Cancel-
 lar. 14.
 Julii Cart.
 17. Joh.
 m. 3. Ric.
 de Marif-
 cis Can-
 cellarius.

Gray was Chancellor, Ri-
 chard de Marisco, whom
 Matthew Paris calls Chan-
 cellor to, and others mis-
 reckon him for one who
 had the keeping of the
 Seal, the Roll is *nono die*
Octobris anno Regni Domi-
ni Regis 15. Liberavit Ma-
gister Richardus de Ma-
risco Archidiaconis Rich-
mond. & Northumbr.
Domino Regi Sigillum
apud Ospring; and then
on the 22. of Decemb.
following, apud Windle-
sores liberatum fuit Sigil-
lum Domino R. de Nevill
deferendum sub Domino P. Win-
toniens

toniensi Episcopo, that was *Peter de Roches* or *de Rupibus* Chief Justice of England. But this here out of the Infalible testimony of Records touching *W. de Gray*, differs not a little in time from the relation of the Monk; notwithstanding the Seal thus committed to *Ralph de Nevill*, who had it also under. *H. 3.* in the beginning of his reign, *totius Regni ordinante consensu & consilio*; yet the Patent and other Charters and close Letters of the time, are for the most part, *Per Rectorem Regni*, or *Teste P. Wintoniensi Episcopo*, or *T. H. de Burgo* Chief Justice of England under *H. 3.* *Per eundem*; or *Per P. Wintoniensem Episcopum*, or the like.

And yet also in Rolls of that time, where *Nevill* never at all makes the *Teste*, or hath his name added, mention is of him for other uses as belonging to the Office of Chancellorship, as the delivery of the Counterbriefs to him and *Fines*, &c. mittend' in *Scaccarium*, according to the use of that age. But although both Records and Story thus make *R. de Nevill* Lord Keeper from King *John* unto *H. 3.* yet had not he any Patent of either Chancellorship or Keepership till 11 *H. 3.* where both a Patent of the Keeping of the Seal for life, either by himself or Deputy

Cart. 11. *H. 3.*
p. 1. m. 28.

ty, and another of the Chancel-
lorship of ENGLAND *toto*
tempore vite sue, were made
to him, both bearing the same
Date.

Yet after this also,
through divers opposi-
tions in State against the
goodness and Noble Car-
riage of this *Ralph de Ne-*
vill, the Seal was after
unjustly taken from him,
and restored again, as his
former right. And in 20
H. 3. the King would have
had it from him, *Sed idem*
Cancellarius (saith the
Monk) *hoc facere renu-*
it, videns impetum Regis

An. 13.
H. 3. The
King
granted
to R. Bi-
shop of
Chichester
the Chan-
cellorship
for life,
16. Nov.
And like-
wise to
the same
R. the
same Of-
fice, An. 16
H. 3. 14
Julii.
And by
another
Charter of
the same

date the
Custody
of the
Seal for
life al-
so to ex-
ercise that
Keeper-
ship in
person or
by an as-
signee.
Vide eti-
am Cart.
17. H. 3.
pro eo-
dem Epif-
copo de
eisdem
Officiis
pro ter-
mino vi-
ræ suæ.

*modestiae fines excedentem ;
dixitque se nulla ratoone
hoc facere posse, cum illud
communi consilio Regni sus-
cepisset. Quapropter nec
illud similiter sine commu-
ni assensu Regni alicui
resignaret : Yet in 22 H.
3. the King violently
took it from him, and
committed it to one God-
frey, a Templar, and
John of Lexington; Emo-
lumentis tamen (so sayes
the Story) ad Cancellarium
spectantibus, Episcopo quasi Cancel-
lario redditis & assignatis. After-
ward one Simon Norman a Law-
yer had it: and from him it was*

taken, and committed to *Richard* Abbot of *Evesham*; who kept it three years, and then resigned it in 26 *H. 3*. The Chancellor and Keeper (of right) *Nervill* was afterward reconciled to the King, and dyed 28 *H. 3*

In the Acts of Parliament of which year, one is, That the Keeper of the Seal should be alwayes the Chancellor, and that all things sealed otherwise should be void. The words are, *Si aliqua interveniente occasione Dominus Rex abstulerit S'gillum suum à Cancellario, quicquid fuerit interim S'gillatum, irritum habeatur & inane, Deinde Cancellario fiat restitutio.* And it appears otherwise that
C 4 they

they alwayes took it unjustly done, if the Chancellorship and Keepership were not in one: By reason whereof, before that, in a Charter of King *John's* yet extant in some hands, of the moderation of the Fees of the Seal, no person is spoken of but the Chancellor and his under Officers; as if it could not have been but that whoever had the Seal, the same should only be Chancellor.

According to that the Chancellorship and Keepership were joyned in all the Chancellors under *Henry* the 3. and *Edward* the 1. most of which being made Bishops, resigned their Seal and Office, although afterward under
the

the succeeding Kings sometimes the Seal was committed to others hands upon some requiring occasions ; and some Lord Keepers were created in later times before Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, in whose time that Statute of 5. *Eliz.* was made,

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A
 TRUE CATALOGUE
 OF THE
 Lord CHANCELLORS
 AND
 K E E P E R S

*Of the Great Seal of England,
 from the Norman Conquest until
 this present Year, 1677.*

An. D. 1067. 1 Will. Conq:

Maurice (afterwards Bishop
 of London.) Will. Malmsb.
de Gestis Pontif. lib. 2. f. 134. b.

Osmund

Osmund (afterwards Bishop of
Salisbury) *Godw. de Prasul.* p.
389.

Anno 1073. 6 W. Conq.

Arfastus (Bishop of Helmham)
Pat. 8. E. 2. p. 1. m. 3. per In-
spex.

Baldric ; *Pat. 8. E. 2. p. 2. m. 1. per*
inspex.

Herman Bishop of Shireburne.

Will. Wilson (Chaplain to the
King) *Chron. Rob. de Monte.*

Will.

Will. Giffard (Bishop of Winche-
ster) Cart. 51 H. 3. m. 1. per In-
spex.

Will. Rufus.

Robert Bloet (afterwards Bishop
of Lincoln) R. Hoved. f. 165.
b. n. 30.

Henr. 1.

Will. Giffard (Bishop of Win-
chester) Text. Ross. cap. 6.

Roger (afterwards Bishop of Sa-
lisbury) W. Malm. f. 91. a. 1. 2.

Geffrey

Geffrey Ruffus (afterward Bi-
shop of Durham) *H. Hunt.*
f. 220 b. 10.

Randulph. H. Hunt. f. 218 b. n.
40.

Geffrey (Bishop of Durham) *Re-*
gist. Eccl. Elien. in Bibl. Cot-
ton. f. 29 a.

Stephen.

Alexander Bishop of Lincoln, *Will.*
Neubrigensis, lib. 1. cap. 6.

Roger Pauper. Ord. Vit. p. 319
C. D.

An-

Anno 1153. 18 Steph.

Philip, Regist. Eccl. Elien. in Bibl.
Cotton. f. 32 a.

Anno 1157. 3 H. 2.

Thomas Archdeacon of Canterbury,
R. Hoved. 281. b. n. 20. (after-
wards Archbishop) Ro. Hoved.
282 a. n. 20.

Anno 1173. 20 H. 2.

Raphe de Vvarnevill (Sacrist of
Roan, and Treasurer of York)
• Matth. Paris. in Anno 1173.

Anno

Anno 1181. 26 H. 1.

Geffrey, natural Son to King Henry the 2d, R. Hoved. f. 349. n. 10. Chancellor.

Walter de Bidun. Lel. col. Vol 1. p. 38.

Anno 1189. 1 R. 1.

Will. de Longcamp (afterwards Bishop of Ely) R. Hoved. f. 375 a. n. 40.

Anno 1198. 7 R. 1.

Eustace Bishop of Ely, R. Hoved. f. 449 a. n. 40. An-

Anno. 1199. 1 Johan.

Hubert Archbishop of Canterbury,
R. Hoved. f. 451 a. n. 40. Chan-
cellor.

Anno 1204. 6 Joh.

Hugh Archdeacon of Wells (after-
wards Bishop of Lincoln) M.
Paris, in anno 1205. Chancellor.

Anno 1205. 7 Joh.

Walter de Gray, Cart. antiq. BB. n.
22. (afterwards Bishop of
Worcester) Chancellor.

Anno 1212. 14 Job.

*Richard de Marisco. Mat. Westm.
in eodem anno. Chancellor.*

Anno 1213. 15 Job.

*Raphe de Nevill, Keeper of the
Seal under Peter de Roche Bi-
shop of Winchester, Pat. 15 Job.
p. 1. m. 6.*

Anno 1223. 8 H. 3.

*Richard de Marisco (Bishop of
Durham) Cl. 8. H. 3. m. 25.
Chancellor.*

Anno 1226.

Raphe Nevill (Bishop of *Chichester*) 12 Febr. Cart. 12 H. 3, m. 28. Chancellor.

Anno 1230.

The same *Raphe* constituted Keeper of the Seal 14. Junii, Cart. 15 H. 3. m. 8.

Anno 1238. 22 H. 3.

Geffrey a Templer, and *John de Lexinton*, made Keepers of the Seal, M. Paris. in eodem anno.

Anno 1239. 23 H. 3.

Simon Norman, from whom the Seal was taken, and delivered to *Richard Abbot of Evesham*, *M. Paris. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1246. 30 H. 3.

Ranulph Briton, *M. Paris. in eodem anno*, Chancellor.

Anno 1247. 31 H. 3.

Mr. Sylvester, a Clerk of the Kings, executed the Office of the Chancellor, *M. Paris, in eodem anno.*

John

John de Lexinton had the Custody of the Seal, 18. Sept. Rot. Fin, 31 H. 3. m. 2.

John Mansel Chancellor of the Cathedral of St. Paul in London, had the Custody of the Seal, to execute the Office of Chancellor, M. Paris. in eodem an. & Pat. 31 H. 3. m. 2.

Anno 1249. 33 H. 3.

The same *John Mansell* Provost of Beverley had the Custody of the Seal until the Feast of St. Mary this Year, Pat. 12. H. 3. m. 3.

Anno

Anno 1250. 34 H. 3.

Peter de Rievaulx, and *Mr. Will. de Kilkenny* had the Custody of the Seal, *Clause 34 H. 3. m. 15.*

Anno 1253. 37 H. 3.

P. Chaceport, and *John de Lexinton*, had the Custody of the Seal, by reason that *Mr. W. (de Kilkenny)* was sick 15. *Maii*, *Rot. Fin. 37. H 3. m. 9.*

XXII, *Junii*, the Queen had the Custody thereof, the King then
go-

going into Gascoign, Pat. 37.
H. 3. m.

Anno 1254. 38 H. 3.

Mr. *Will. de Kilkenny*, the Kings
Clerk, supplied the Office of
Chancellor, *M. Paris. in eodem*
anno.

Anno 1255. 39 H. 3.

H. de Wengham Clerk had the Cu-
stody of the Seal, *M. Paris. in eo-*
dem anno.

Anno 1263. 42 H. 3.

VI, *Maii*, *W. de Merton* had the
D 4 Custo-

Custody of the Seal, by reason
that *Henry de Wengham* was sick,
Pat. 42. H. 3. m. 29.

Anno 1260. 44 H. 3.

Mr. N. Archdeacon of *Ely* had the
Custody of the Seal, *M. Westm.*
in eodem anno.

Anno 1261. 45 H. 3.

Walter de Merton made Chan-
cellor without the advise of the
Barons, *M. Westm. in eodem an-*
no. & Pat. 45. H. 3. m. 18. &
19.

Ano

Anno 1263. 47 H. 3.

Mr. *Nicholas* Archdeacon of *Ely*
had the Custody of the Seal,
whilst the King was beyond
Sea, *Pat. 47. H. 3. m. 1.*

Anno 1265. 49 H. 3.

Mr. *John Chisbull* Archdeacon of
London had the Custody of the
Seal, *Claus. 49. H. 3. m. 9.*

On Wednesday next after the
Feast of St. *Peter in Cathedra*
the Seal was delivered to Mr.
Thomas de Cantilupe, *Clause 49*
H. 3. m. 9. who was constitut-
ed

ted Chancellor 16 Martii, Pat. 49
H. 3. m. 18.

W. Bishop of Bath and Wells made
Chancellor 20. Aug. Libertate de
anno 49 H. 3. m. 2.

Anno. 1267. 51 H. 3.

Mr. Godfrey Giffard { afterwards
Bishop of Worcester) had the
Custody of the Seal, Clause 52.
H. 3. m. 7. & m. 16.

Anno 1269. 53 H. 3.

John Chisbull Dean of London had
the Custody of the Seal on Tues.
day next after the Feast of
the

the Apostles Simon and Jude,
Pat. 53 H. 3. m. 29.

Richard de Middilton made Keeper
of the Seal on Monday next be-
fore the Feast of St. *Peter ad vin-*
cula, *Pat. 53 H. 3. m. 6.*

Anno 1272. 56 H. 3.

John de Kirkeby made Keeper of the
Seal (upon the death of *Rich.*
de Middilton Chancellor)
which *John* did thereupon as-
sociate to himself in that trust
P. de Winton Keeper of the
Kings Wardrobe, *Pat. 56 H.*
3. m. 6.

Anno

Anno 1274. 1 E. 1.

Walter de Merton, Claus. 1 Edw. 1.
m. 10.

Robert Burnell Archdeacon of York,
(afterwards Bishop of Bath
and Wells.) made Keeper of the
Seal upon St. Matthew the A-
postles day, Pat. 2. Edw. 1, m. 8.

Anno 1284. 12 E. 1.

This *Robert* going for *Abercon-
wey* to *Acton-Burnell*, delivered
the Seal unto *Hugh de Kendall*
and *Walter de Odyham*, Pat. 12 E.
1, m. 7.

An-

Anno 1286. 14 E. 1.

He attended the King into *France*,
being his *Chancellor*, and took
the Great Seal with him, on
Munday next preceding the
Feast of *St. Dunstan*, *Pat. 14*:
E. 1. m. 9.

Anno 1289. 17 E. 1.

On Friday next preceding the
Assumption of our Lady he re-
turn'd with the King out of
France, and the Seal. *Pat. 17*:
E. 1. m. 13.

An-

Anno 1192. 20 E. 1.

Walter de Langton Keeper of the Kings Wardrobe, made Keeper of the Seal at *Berwick*, on Saturday preceding the Feast of the Apostles *Simon and Jude*, Pat. 20 E. 1. m. 2.

Anno 1193. 21 E. 1.

John de Langton made Chancellor, Pat. 21 E. 1. m. 23. afterwards Elect Bishop of *Ely*, Pat. 26. E. 1. m. 20.

Anno

Anno 1302. 30 E. 1.

Mr. Will. de Grenefeld Dean of Chichester, made Chancellor on Sunday being the morrow after the Feast of St. Michael, *Claus.* 30 E. 1. m. 5.

Anno 1303. 31 E. 1.

The Great Seal delivered unto him on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, *Claus.* 31 E. 1. in dorso m. 18.

Anno 1305. 33 E. 1.

Will. de Hamelton, Dean of York,
made

made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered unto him 16. Jan. Pat. 33 E.1. p. 1. m. 21.

Anno 1307. 35 E. 1.

Rauf de Baudale Bishop of London made *Chancellor*, and Keeper of the Seal, Rot. Fin. 35 E. 1. m. 1.

Anno 1308. 1 E. 2.

John de Langton Bishop of *Chichester* made *Chancellor*, &c. Rot. Fin. 1 E. 2. m. 9.

Anno

Anno 1311. 4 E. 2.

Walt. (Reginald) Bishop of Worcester had the Custody of the Seal 6 Julii, Claus. 4 E. 2. m. 6. in dorso.

Anno 1312. 5 E. 2.

He was the Kings Chancellor, Claus. 5 E. 2. in dorso.

Anno 1315. 8 E. 2.

John de Sandale (afterwards Bishop of Winchester) the Kings Chancellor, Pat. 8 E. 2. p. 2. m. 2.

Anno 1318. 11 E. 2.

John Hotburn Bishop of Ely, Pat. 11
E. 2. p. 2. m. 8.

Anno 1320. 13 E. 2.

John (Salmon) Bishop of Norwich,
named *Chancellor* by the King
in full Parliament, received the
Seal, *Claus.* 13 E. 2. in dorso
m. 9.

Anno 1323. 16 E. 2.

Will.-de Armin (Mr. of the Rolls
in Chancery) had the Custody
of the Great Seal, *John* Bishop
of

of *Norwich* being then sick,
Claus. 14 E. 2. m. ...

Anno 1324. 17 E. 2.

Robert de Baldok Archdeacon of
Middlesex made Chancellor 20.
Aug. Claus. 17 E. 2. m. ...

Anno 1328. 1 E. 3.

John de Hotbun Bishop of *Ely* had
the Custody of the Great Seal
28. Jan. and to do therewith
what belong'd to the Chancel-
lor, *Claus. 1 Edw. 3. p. 1. in dorso*
m. 25.

Anno 1329. 2 E. 3.

Henry de Clyff Mr. of the Rolls in
Chancery, and *Will. de Harla-*
-ston Clerk of the Chancery, made
Keepers of the Seal 1 Martii,
Claus. 2 E. 3. in dorso m. 33.

Henry de Burghersb Chancellor
of England, *Pat. 2 E. 3. p. 2.*
m. 34. to whom the King com-
mitted the Custody of the Great
Seal 12 Maii, *Claus. 2 E. 3. in dor-*
so m. 26.

Anno 1331. 4 E. 3.

John de Stratford Bishop of Win-
chester

chester made Keeper of the Great Seal 28 Nov. *Claus.* 4 *Edw.* 3. in *dorso m.* 16.

Anno 1333. 6 E. 3.

Mr. *Robert de Stratford*, brother to *John Bishop of Winchester*, had the Custody of the Seal, whilst his brother was employed upon the Kings business 23 *Junii*, *Claus.* 6 E. 3. in *dorso m.* 22.

Anno 1334. 7 E 3.

Will Archbishop of York Keeper of the Great Seal, by the Kings command delivered it to *Henry de Ednestowe*, *Thomas de Baun-*
E 3 *burgh*

burgh, and John de St. Paul, upon Thursday the Epiphany of our Lord, Claus. 7 E. 3. p. 2, m. 4. in dorso.

Anno 1335. 8 E. 3.

John de Stratford elect Archbishop of Canterbury confirmed Chancellor the 6th. of Apr. delivered the Great Seal unto Mr. Rob. de Stratford his Brother to be kept, Claus. 8 E. 3. m. 27. in dorso.

Richard Bishop of Durham being made Chancellor had the Great Seal delivered to him 28. Sept. Ibid. in dorf. m. 10.

An-

Anno 1336. 9 E. 3.

John Archbishop of *Canterbury*
made *Chancellor* had the Great
Seal delivered to him 6 *Junii*,
Claus. 9 *Edw.* 3. m. 23.

Anno 1338. 11 E. 3.

Mr. Rob. de Stratford Archdea-
con of *Canterbury*, and elect
Bishop of *Chichester*, made *Chan-*
cellor and Keeper of the Great
Seal, 23 *Octob.* *Pat.* 11 E. 3.
p. 3. m. 11.

An-

Anno 1339. 12 E. 3.

Mr. *Richard de Bynteworth* elect
Bishop of *London* made Chancellor
and Keeper of the Seal 6
Julii, Claus. 12 E. 3. p. 2, in dor-
so. m. 23.

Anno 1340. 13 E. 3.

Vpon the death of this *Richard*
the Great Seal was committed
to the Custody of *John de St.*
Paul Master of the Rolls in
Chancery, *Mich. de Wath* and
Thomas de Baunburgh 8. Dec.
Claus. 13 Edw. 3. p. 3, in dorso m.
11.

An-

Anno 1341. 14 E. 3.

John de St. Paul solely constituted
Keeper of the Great Seal 13.
Febr. Claus. 14 E. 3. p. 1. m. 42.
in dorso.

John Archbishop of Cant. made
Chancellor and Keeper of the
Great Seal 18 *Apr. Claus.* 14 E.
3. p. 1. m. 27. *in dorso.*

Robert Bishop of Chichester the
Kings Chancellor delivered up
the Great Seal to the King up-
on Thursday being the Feast
day of *St. Andrew* the Apostle,
Claus. 14 E. 3. p. 2. m. 12.

An-

Anno 1341. 14 E. 3.

Sir Robert Burgchier Knight being made *Chancellor* on Thursday next following St. Lucy the Virgin, had the Great Seal then delivered to him by the King, *Claus. 14 E. 3. p. 2. in dorso m. 20.*

Anno 1342. 15 E. 3.

Robert Parnyng the Kings *Chancellor* had the Great Seal delivered to him by the King, 27 Oct. *Cl. 15 E. 3. p. 3. in dorso m. 13.*

Anno

Anno 1344. 17 E. 3.

Robert de Sadington made *Chan-*
cellor had the Great Seal delive-
red to him upon *Michaelmas*s
day, *Claus.* 17 E. 3. p. 2. m. 20.
in dorso.

Anno 1346. 19 E. 3.

Mr. John de Offord made *Chancel-*
lor, had the Great Seal deliver-
ed to him upon the 26 of *Octo.*
Pat. 19 E. 3 p. 2. m. 7.

Anno 1347. 20 E. 3.

John de Thoresby had the Great
Seal

Seal delivered to him 2 Julii, John
de Offord the Kings Chancellor
then going beyond Sea, Claus.
20 E. 3. p. 2. in dorso m. 26.

Anno 1350. 23 E. 3.

John Bishop of St. Davids made
Chancellor had the Great Seal
delivered to him 16 Junii, Claus.
23 E. 3. p. 1 in dorso m. 8.

Anno 1357. 30 E. 3.

Will. de Edington Bishop of Winche-
ster made Chancellor, had the
Great Seal delivered to him 19
Febr. Claus. 30 E. 3. in dorso m. 4.

An-

Anno 1363. 36 E. 3.

Simon de Langham Bishop of Ely
had the Great Seal deliver'd to
him by the King 19 Febr. Cl.
30 E. 3. in dorso m. 39.

Anno 1368. 41 E. 3.

Will. de Wickham Bishop of Win-
chester made Chancellor 17 Sept.
Cart. 41 E. 3.

Anno 1372. 45 E. 3.

Sir Robert de Thorpe Knight made
Chancellor 26 Martii, had the
Great Seal then delivered to him
by

by the King, *Claus.* 45 E. 3. in
dorso m. 35.

Anno 1373. 46 E. 3.

John Knyvet made *Chancellor* and
Keeper of the Great Seal, *Claus.*
46 E. 3. in *dorso m.* 12.

Anno 1377. 50 E. 3.

Adam de Houghton Bishop of St.
 Davids made *Chancellor* 11 Jan.
On which day the Great Seal
was delivered to him, *Claus.* 50
E. 3. in *dorso p.* 2. *m.* 7.

An-

Anno 1379. 2 R. 2.

Sir *Richard le Scrope* Knight made
Chancellor had the Great Seal de-
livered to him, *Pat. 2 R. 2. p. 1.*
m. 24.

Anno 1380. 3 R. 2.

Simon de Sudbury Archbishop of
Canterbury made Chancellor and
Keeper of the Great Seal on
Munday next after the Con-
version of St. Paul, *Claus. 3 R.*
2. in dorso m. 22.

Anno 1381. 4 R. 2.

Will. de Courtney Bishop of Lon-
don

don made *Chancellor* on Saturday being the Feast of St *Laurence*, *Claus.* 5 *R. 2.* in dorso m. 35.

Anno 1382. 5 *R. 2.*

Sir *Richard Scrope* Knight made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. *Andrew* the Apostle, *Pat.* 5 *R. 2. p. 1. m. 1.*

Anno 1383. 6 *R. 2.*

Robert de Braybroke Bishop of *London* made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him on Saturday being the Eve of St. *Mat-*

*Matthew the Apostle, Claus. 6 R.
2. p. 1. in dorso m. 24.*

*Sir Michael de la Pole Knight
made Chancellor, and Keeper
of the Great Seal 13 Martii,
Claus. 6 R. 2. p. 2. in dorso m.
12.*

Anno 1387. 10 R. 2.

*Thomas de Arundell Bishop of Ely
made Chancellor, and Keeper of
the Great Seal 24 Octob. Claus.
10 R. 2. m. 35.*

Anno 1389. 12 R. 2.

*Will de Wickham Bishop of Win-
F chester*

chester again made Chancellor,
had the Great Seal deliivered
unto him 4 *Maii*, *Pat.* 12 *R.* 2.
p. 2. *m.* 7.

Anno 1392. 15 *R.* 2.

Thomas de Arundell Archbishop of
Canterb. made Chancellor 7 *Sept.*
had the Great Seal delivered
to him, *Pat.* 15 *R.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 19.

Anno 1397. 20 *R.* 2.

Edmund de Stafford Bishop of *Exe-*
ter made Keeper of the Great
Seal 23 *Nov.* *Claus.* 20 *R.* 2. *p.* 1.
in dorso m. 22.

An-

Anno 1400. 1 H. 4.

John de Scarle Master of the Rolls
in Chancery made *Chancellor*
and Keeper of the Great Seal
15 Nov. Pat. 1. H. 4. p. 3. m. 27.

Anno 1401. 2 H. 4.

Edmund Bishop of Exeter made
Chancellor and Keeper of the
Great Seal 9 Martii, Claus. 2
H. 4. p. 2. in dorso m. 3.

Anno 1404. 5 H. 4.

Henry Beaufort Bishop of Lincoln
Chancellor, Pat. 5 H. 4. p. 2. m. 28.

Anno 1405. 6 H. 4.

Thomas Langley Bishop of *Durham*
Chancellor, Godw. de *Præsul.*

Anno 1407. 8 H. 4.

Thomas Archbishop of *Canterbury*
made Chancellor and Keeper of
the Great Seal 30 Jan. (claus). 8 H.
4. in dorso m. 23.

Anno 1410. 11 H. 4.

John Wakering Clerk, Master of the
Rolls in Chancery, had the Cu-
stody of the Great Seal, 19 Jan.
Clause 11 H. 4. in dorso m. 8.

Sir

Sir Thomas Beaufort Knight made
Chancellor had the Great Seal de-
livered to him 31 Jan. Claus. 11
H. 4. in dorso m. 8.

Anno 1414. 1 H. 5.

Henry de Beaufort Bishop of Win-
chester made Chancellor and
Keeper of the Great Seal, Claus.
1 H. 5.

Anno 1417. 4 H. 5.

Simon Garnstede Clerk, Master
of the Rolls in Chancery, had
the Custody of the Great Seal
from 4. Sept. untill the 12th.

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of Oct. Claus. 4 H. 5. in dorso
m. 13.

Henry Bishop of Winchester had
the Great Seal delivered to him
12 Octob. Claus. 4 H. 5. in dorso
m. 13.

Anno 1418. 5 H. 5.

Thomas de Langley Bishop of Dur-
ham had the Great Seal deliver-
ed to him by the King 23 Junii,
Claus. 5 H. 5. in dorso m. 15.

Anno. 1423. 1 H. 6.

Thomas Bishop of Durham made
Chancellor by the advice and
con-

consent of all the Councel in
Parliament, *Pat. 1 H. 6. p. 4.*
m. 19.

Anno 1424. 2 H. 6.

Henry Beaufort Bishop of *Winche-*
ster made *Chancellor*, had the
Great Seal delivered to him 16
Julii, Claus. 2 H. 6. in dorso m. 2.

Anno 1426. 4 H. 6.

John Kempe Bishop of *London*
made *Chancellor, &c. . . . Mar-*
tii, Claus. 4 H. 6. in dorso. m. 8.

Anno 1432, 10 H. 6.

John Stafford Bishop of *Bathe* made
Chancellor, &c. 28 Febr. Claus.
10 H. 6. in dorso m. 8.

Anno. 1433, 11 H. 6.

John Hank Clerk, Master of the
Rolls in Chancery, received
from *John Stopyngton* Clerk on
the behalf of the Lord Chan-
cellor of *England* the Great Seal
to use and exercise 22 Apr.
Claus. 11 H. 6. in dorso m. 12.

An-

Anno 1450. 28 H. 6.

John Archbishop of York and Cardinal, made Chancellor 31 Jan. Claus. 28 H. 6. in dorso m. 7.

Anno 1454. 32 H. 6.

Richard Earl of Salisbury made Chancellor 2 Apr. Claus. 32 H. 6. in dorso m. 8.

Anno 1455. 33 H. 6.

Thomas Bourchier Archbishop of Canterbury made Chancellor, 7 Martii, Claus. 33 H. 6. in dorso m. 9.

An-

Anno 1457.

Will. Wickham Bishop of Winchester
made Chancellor 11 Octob. Claus.
35 H. 6. m. 10. in dorso.

Anno 1460. 38 H. 6.

George Nevil Bishop of Exeter
made Chancellor 25. Julii, Claus.
38 H. 6. in dorso m. 7.

Anno 1468. 7 E. 4.

Robert Stillington Bishop of Bath
and Wells made Chancellor 8 Ju-
nii, Claus. 7 E. 4. m. 12. in dorso.

An-

Anno 1473. 12 E. 4.

John Alcock Bishop of *Rochester*
made Keeper of the Great Seal
20 Sept. Claus. 12 E. 4. m. 16. in
dorso.

Anno 1474. 13 E. 4.

Laurence Bishop of *Durham* made
Chancellor, &c. 5 Junii, Claus. 13.
E. 4. m. 3.

Anno 1475. 14 E. 4.

Thomas Rotheram Bishop of *Lin-*
coln made Chancellor, Godw. de
Presul.

An-

Anno 1484. 1 R. 3.

John Russell Bishop of *Lincoln*
made *Chancellor* 26 Nov. *Claus. 1.*
R. 3. in dorso.

Anno 1485. 3 R. 3.

Thomas Barow Master of the Rolls,
made *Keeper of the Great Seal*
1 Aug. *Claus. 3 R. 3.*

Anno 1486. 1 H. 7.

John Alcock Bishop of *Ely* made
Chancellor upon Munday 6 Mar.
Cl. 1. H. 7. in dorso.

An-

Anno 1487. 2 H 7.

John Morton Archbishop of *Canterbury* made *Chancellor* 8 Aug.
Pat. 2. H. 7. p. 2.

Anno 1501. 16 H. 7.

Henry Dean Bishop of *Salisbury*
(upon the death of *John Morton*)
had the Great Seal delivered to
him 13 Octob. *Claus. 26 H. 7. in*
dorso.

Anno 1502. 17 H. 7.

Will. Warham Bishop of *London*,
elect of *Canterbury* had the
Great

Great Seal delivered to him 11
Aug. and was made *Chancellor*
1 *Jan.* following, *Claus.* 17 H. 7. in
dorso.

Anno 1516. 7 H. 8.

Thomas Wolfey Lord Cardinal and
Archbishop of *York*, had the
Great Seal delivered to him 7
Decembr. and was made *Chan-*
cellor, *Claus.* 7 H. 8. in *dorso.*

Anno 1530. 21 H. 8.

Sir Thomas More Kt. made Lord
Chancellor, had the Great Seal
delivered to him on Munday
25 *Octob.* *Claus.* 21. H. 8. in *dorso.*
An-

Anno 1533. 14 H. 8.

Thomas Audley had the Great Seal delivered unto him on Munday 20 *Maii*, and then Knighted, Clause 24 H. 8. in dorso.

A New Seal made and delivered to him upon the 6th. of Sept. following, *Ibid.*

He was made *Chancellor* the 26th. of Jan. ensuing, *Ibid.*

Anno 1545. 36 H. 8.

Thomas Lord Wriothesly Lord Chancellor of England had the Great Seal delivered to him, 3 *Maii*, Claus. 36 H. 8. p. 1.

An-

Anno 1547. 1 E. 6.

Sir Will. Paulet Knight, Lord St.
John of Basing, had the Great
Seal delivered to him 29 Junii,
Pat. 1 E. 6. p. 4.

Sir Richard Riche Knight made
Chancellor of England 30 Nov.
Pat. 1. E. 6. p. 3. m. 14.

Anno 1551. 5 E. 6.

Thomas Goodrick Bishop of Ely
made Chancellor of England 19
Jan. Cl. 5 E. 6. p. 5.

Anno

Anno 1553. 1 Mar.

Stephen Gardner Bishop of *Winchester* made *Chancellor of England*
21 Sept. Pat. 1 M. p. 8.

Anno 1555. 3 M.

Nicholas Heath Archbishop of *Tork*
made *Chancellor of England* on
Wednesday 1 Jan. Claus. 2 &
3 Ph. 5 Mar. in dorso. part. 11.

Anno 1559. 1 Eliz.

Sir Nicholas Bacon Knight, At-
torney of the Court of Wards,
made Keeper of the Great Seal

22 Decemb. *Annal Cambd. & Pat.*
1 Eliz. p. 3.

Anno 1579. 12 Eliz.

Thomas Bromley the Queens Solli-
citor General, made Chancellor
of England, 25 Apr. *Claus.* 21
Eliz. p. 4. in dorso.

Anno 1587. 29 Eliz.

Sir Christopher Hatton Knight,
made Lord Chancellor of Eng-
land 29 Apr. *Claus.* 29. Eliz. p. 24.
in dorso.

Anno

Anno 1592 34 Eliz.

Sir John Puckering Knight, Serjeant
at Law had the Great Seal de-
livered to him 28 Maii. Claus.
34 Eliz. p. 14 in dorso.

Anno 1596. 38 Eliz.

Sir Thomas Egerton Knight, Ma-
ster of the Rolls in Chance-
ry, had the Great Seal delive-
red to him 26 Maii, Claus. 38.
Eliz. p. 14. in dorso.

Anno 1603. 1 Jac.

Sir Thomas Egerton Knight, ha
G 2 th

the same Great Seal delivered to him by appointment of King James, 5 April, Claus. 1 Jac. p. 12. in dorso.

Vpon the 29th. of June following that Great Seal was broke, and the new Seal of King James delivered to him, *Ibid.*

And on the 24th. of July being advanced to the dignity of Lord *Ellesmere*, he was made Lord Chancellor of England, *Ibid.*

Anno 1616. 14 Jac.

Sir *Francis Bacon* Knight, the Kings Attorney General, had the Great Seal committed to his Custody 7 *Martii*, Claus.

16 Jac. in dorso part. 15.

Anno 1617. 15 Jac.

The same **Sir Francis** (then Lord *Verulam*) made Lord Chancellor of England 4 Jan. Claus. 16 Jac. in dorso p. 15.

Anno. 1620. 18 Jac.

Henry Vicount Mandevil Lord President of the Council , **Lodowike Duke of Richmond**, **William Earl of Pembroke**, **Sir Julius Caesar Knight**, Master of the Rolls, had the Great Seal committed to their Custody in *Lent*.

Anno 1621. 19 . Jac.

John Williams, Doctor in Divinity,
and Dean of *Westminster*, (af-
terwards Bishop of *Lincoln*)
had the Great Seal committed
to his Custody 10 Julii, Claus. 19
Jac. p. 13. in dorso.

Anno 1625. 1 Car. 1.

Sir Thomas Coventre Knight, Attor-
ney General to the King, made
Keeper of the Great Seal 1 Nov.

Anno 1639. 15 Car. 1.

Sir John Finche Knight, Lord
Chief

Chief Justice of the Court of
Common Pleas, had the Great
Seal of *England* committed to
his Custody 23 Jan.

Anno 1640. 16 Car. 1.

Sir *Edward Littleton* Knight Lord,
Chief Justice of the Court of
Common Pleas, had the Great
Seal of *England* committed to
his Custody 23 Jan.

Anno 1646. 25 Car. 1.

Sir *Richard Lane* Knight, Lord
Chief Baron of the Exchequer,
had the Great Seal of *England*
committed to his Custody 30
Aug. G 4 Anno

Anno 1657. 9 Car. 2.

Sir Edward Hide Knight, Chancellor of the Exchequer to King Charles the First, had the Great Seal of England committed to his Custody 13 Jan.

And was made Lord Chancellor of England at Bruges in Flanders 29 Jan. following.

Anno 1667. 19 Car. 2.

Sir Orlando Bridgeman Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, had the Great Seal of England committed to his Custody 30.

Aug.

Anno

Anno 1672. 24 Car. 2.

Anthony Lord Ashley Earl of *Shafts-*
bury, Chancellor of the Exche-
quor constituted Lord Chan-
cellor of England 17 Nov.

Anno 1673. 25 Car. 2.

Sir *Heneage Finche* Knight and
Baronet, the Kings Attorney Ge-
neral, had the Great Seal of
England committed to his Cu-
stody 9 Nov. Upon the 10th.
of January following he was
advanced to the dignity of a
Baron of this Realm, by the Ti-
tle of Lord *Finche of Daventry*.

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Anno 1675. 27 Car. 2.

And was made *Lord Chancellor* of
England, 19 Decemb.

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